

Councilman Paul Cunningham's Ward 2 Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES:

- July 4: Independence Day
- July 29: Last day to register to vote for the city primary
- August 8: Day ballots will be mailed for the city primary

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PAUL'S NOTE

I can't start this without a word or two about the nineteen hotshot crew members that died this week.

Yarnell is hundreds of miles away, but these were fellow Arizonans who were protecting the lives and property of people that are our distant neighbors. Keep in mind that these crews travel throughout the region. Should, God forbid, Southern Arizona have another disastrous fire like Sumerhaven suffered a few years back, they would have been here for Tucson.

Keep them in your prayers.

If you want to help, the United Phoenix Firefighters Association has set up a fund. You can give at any Chase bank by asking for the United Phoenix Firefighters Association Charity Account, or online at www.yarnellfallenfirefighters.com. You can also mail it to United Phoenix Firefighters Association, 61 E. Columbus Ave, Phoenix AZ 85012.

Unfortunately, we have already had reports of scammers using this horrible tragedy. I've been told that no charity affiliated with Arizona firefighters is soliciting donations over the phone.

We had a bit of good news coming out of our council office this week. Schumaker Elementary School was recently closed. The neighbors saw a big piece of grass and wondered why they can't have a park there. My office has been working with a resident in

the Carriage Hills neighborhood, Ken Bertschy, as well as Jim Conroy and Midge Irwin from Parks and Recreation. We brought in Bryant Nodine from TUSD and he says the gates could be open as early as next week.



This won't be feasible, or as easy, at all of our closed schools. Our city doesn't have enough parks and ball fields. I'm glad to see the public and the bureaucracy work together for creative solutions to the problem.

Finally, have a good Fourth of July. Spend a happy weekend with your family, and remember what gifts this nation has given us.

YARNELL FIRE

As you know the Fire Fighting community suffered a great loss this past Sunday. 19 of our first responders made the ultimate sacrifice while battling a wildfire in Yarnell, AZ.

The United Phoenix Firefighters Association, together with Prescott Fire Fighter's Charities, have established a 501(c)3 charity fund to accept donations.

100% of your tax-deductible donation will go to the families of these 19 brave Arizonans

Donations may be made:

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"United Phoenix Firefighters Association Charity Account"

Online at-
www.yarnellfallenfirefighters.com

or in person or by mail at:

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Starting in July, the Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program is changing the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a "mobile" event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw or call 888-6947

IMPORTANT: Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 council office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

1st Saturday: Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by

turning north on Prudence.

2nd Saturday:

July: TOPSC Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave

August: El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W Speedway Blvd

September: Himmel Park, 1000 N Tucson Blvd

October: TOPSC Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave

November: Mansfield Park, 2000 N 4th Ave

December: Purple Heart Park, 100050 E Rita Ranch Rd

HOME WATER AUDIT

Whether temps soar to 106° or plunge to 23°, being water efficient is important every day of the year. Tucson Water offers free expert advice to help you conserve water, stop leaks and reduce utility bills.

A water efficiency expert from the Tucson Water Zanjero Program will visit your home, review water-use habits, check water fixtures and irrigation systems and install free faucet aerators and showerheads, if needed. Customers also receive a survey of their water use. You must be at home during the two hour Zanjero visit.

For nearly 17 years, Zanjeros have helped Tucson Water customers use water more efficiently inside and outside the home. Schedule your free Zanjero visit today via e-mail TW_web@tucsonaz.gov or phone 520 791-3242

ROAD RACES

The events include: 1-mile predict, 2K and 5K (distance may vary depending on location). Costs: Adults \$4.00 and Children \$3.00. Registration is on-site and at 5:45 p.m. The events begin at 6:30 p.m. Ribbons will be given to top finishers at each Track/Field meet and Road Race. The locations and dates are:

Jesse Owens Park, 400 S. Sarnoff Drive, West Side, July 11
Freedom Park, 5000 E. 29th Street, South end, July 18

POOL HOURS

The Parks and Recreation pool season runs through July 30. There will be 17 City pools open across the town. Daily admission for adults is \$2.00 and \$1.00 for youths under age 17. Call 791-4245 or visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics> for pool locations and hours.

The Tucson Parks and Recreation has partnered with the YMCA of Southern Arizona to open three additional City pools, Jesse Owens, Escalante, and Kennedy. Public swim time for the three pools are Saturdays only from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Lighthouse/City YMCA 795-9725

SENIOR PROGRAM

Seniors will have an opportunity to enjoy a presentation of animals from the Sonoran Desert Museum on Thursday, July 18 at 1 p.m. The activity will take place in the Carol West Senior Addition, 7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd. Space is limited and sign ups are taken at the front desk. Call 791-4121 for additional information. No cost.

LITTLE LEAGUE

The All Stars program will be taking place at Jesse Owens Park (Sahuaro Baja) and Udall Park (Sabino Little League and Tanque Verde Baja) thru July 13. Come out to the park, enjoy a game, and support the players!

CENTER CLOSURES

The following East District Recreation Centers will be closed for annual maintenance on the dates listed below:

Clements Center, 8155 E. Poinciana Drive
July 29-August 2

Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th Street
July 29- August 1

Randolph Center, 200 S. Alvernon Way
August 5-10

Udall Center, 7200 E. Tanque Verde
August 12-17

RECREATION GUIDE

The Tucson Parks and Recreation Summer 2013 Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published and is available for pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. The summer issue can also be viewed on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec.

The Program Guide contains complete information on leisure classes, swim lessons, summer KIDCO, aquatics, sports program, sports camps, registration, the Discount Program, and much more.

SUMMER TRACK AND FIELD

Summer Track and Field for youth will begin soon.

The events include: Long Jump, Turbo Javelin (ages 18 & under), Shot Put, High Jump, 50 Meter Dash (ages 5 and under), 100, 200, 400 Meter Dash-es, 800, 1600, 3200 Meter Runs, 4 X 100 Relay, and 4 X 400 Relay. The cost is \$3 for youths 17 and under, \$4 for adults 18 and over. On-site registration at 5:45 p.m. and events begin at 6:30 p.m.

Events take place every Tuesday through July 16; The events are held at the University of Arizona, Roy P. Drachman Stadium (Plummer & 15th Street). Ribbons will be given to top finishers at each Track Meet.

For further information, call the City Sports Office at 791-4870.

SHRED-A-THON

2013 will mark the 6th year the Pima County Sheriff's Department has provided this valuable service free-of-charge to the community. All confirmed event dates are on Saturdays, and all shredding events will run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- September 14 at Kino Sports Complex- 2500 E. Ajo Way
- November 16 at Empire High School- 10701 E. Maryann Cleveland Way

FOURTH OF JULY

Residential and commercial trash and recycling will not be collected on Thursday. All City of Tucson residential and commercial customers who have Thursday or Friday service will have their trash and recycling service delayed by one day during the holiday week.

The HHW Facility will be closed and the Los Reales Landfill will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for commercial and self-haulers.

All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2013 for the Fourth of July holiday.

In addition, the Ward 2 office will be closed July 4 and 5.

T.E.P. PARTNERS

Lower your electricity bill by tracking your power use! TEP is enrolling participants on a first come first serve basis to join an energy monitoring project to help you save on your electricity bill.

Enroll now by visiting enroll.teppowerpartners.com and sign up to while spaces last. You will be contacted by a representative to schedule your installation. A technician will set up and install equipment at your home and show you how to track your use and see your energy savings online.

This program is a free-of-cost pilot program to help TEP customers save electricity and money, so sign up while there's still time! Learn more and sign up by visiting enroll.teppowerpartners.com.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting for June 25 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on July 9. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>.

Keep in mind that there will be only one meeting each in the months of July and August.



We're on the web!
Cms3.tucsonaz.gov/ward2

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Please bring these items to the Ward
2 Office for the following charities:
THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable Items
DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers
TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need
LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses
DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—
Ballet/Dance Equipment
CASA MARIA—Plastic bags